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November 20, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 ANNUAL BUDGET
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Approve the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's (WCA) annual budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 (Attachment A) in order to provide funding for the continuation of all WCA projects. Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget. The WCA is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by collaborating cross jurisdictionally and developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources.

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

YVONNE B. BURKE
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Fifth District

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the attached budget will be funded by Propositions 40 and 50 grants awarded to the WCA by the RMC. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to award State funds to projects of mutual interest to the LACFCD and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement previously approved between the LACFCD and RMC also provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the LACFCD's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the LACFCD's contribution have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the LACFCD and the RMC to create the WCA. Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities along the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed areas that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the LACFCD and RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 has been approved by the governing boards of both the WCA and RMC. Copies of the RMC and WCA resolutions are attached (Attachments B and C).

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA and the continued partnership with the RMC in developing projects of mutual interest. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended action.

CONCLUSION

Please return four adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Fujioka", with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTJ:DLW
MP:lm

Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel

ATTACHMENT A

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2007/08 FINAL BUDGET**

EXPENSES		
<u>Operations</u>		
Office Supplies & Postage		\$500
Bond		\$221
Conservation Strategy Group		\$25,000
Miscellaneous		\$11,779
	<u>Operations Sub Total</u>	\$37,500.00
<u>Grants**</u>		
Duck Farm Planning	RMC 3243	\$63,000
River and Tributary Access Improvements	RMC 3248	\$74,000
Duck Farm Acquisition & Improvements	RMC 3255	\$143,575
Azusa River Wilderness Park- Acquisition & Refurbishment	RMC 3260	\$218,829
El Encanto Relocation & Planning	RMC 3596	\$595,000
Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	RMC 3609	\$1,987,389
	<u>Grants Sub Total</u>	\$3,081,793.00
<u>Property Management</u>		
<i>El Encanto</i>		
Insurance		\$11,000
Ranger Services Contract		\$36,500
Structure Maintenance		\$6,400
Professional Water Well Service		\$7,000
Trash Service		\$1,000
Utilities (Electrical, propane, payphone)		\$1,500
Contingency		\$27,915
	El Encanto Sub Total	\$91,315
<i>Duck Farm</i>		
Liability & Structure Insurance		\$4,500
Ranger Services Contract		\$106,500
Weed abatement and Tree maintenance		\$30,000
Structure maintenance		\$25,000
Utilities		\$20,000
Property Management Administrative Support		\$17,000
Contingency		\$123,470
	Duck Farm Sub Total	\$326,470.00
	<u>Property Management Sub Total</u>	\$417,785.00

EXPENSE GRAND TOTAL**\$3,537,078.00****REVENUE**

Flood Control District	\$25,000
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	\$12,500
Grants	\$3,081,793
07/08 Estimated Lease Revenue – Duck Farm	\$156,600
Duck Farm Leases – 06/07 Balance	\$169,870
07/08 Estimated Lease Revenue – El Encanto	\$51,600
El Encanto Leases – 06/07 Balance	\$19,715
Special Use Permits	\$5,000
Citation Revenue	\$15,000

REVENUE GRAND TOTAL**\$3,537,078.00**

September 24, 2007, Item 9M

RESOLUTION 2007-61

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
APPROVING THE FINAL FY 2007/08 BUDGET FOR THE
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

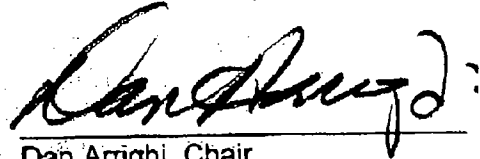
1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated September 29, 2006
4. APPROVES the FY 2007/08 WCA final budget and authorizes the Executive Officer to make budget adjustments of up to 10% within the total approved budget.

~ End of Resolution ~

ATTACHMENT B

Resolution 2007-61

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on September 24, 2007.


Dan Amighi, Chair

ATTEST:


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

ATTACHMENT C

September 26, 2007 - Item 8J
RESOLUTION 2007-29

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY APPROVING THE FY 2007/08 PRELIMINARY
BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and


WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CCR, tit. 14, sections 15301 (a) (d) (n), 15061 (b) (3), 15313, 15325; NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the WCA hereby:

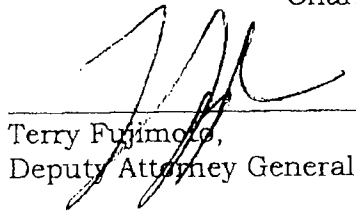
1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act: CCR, tit 14, sections 15301 (a) (d) (n), 15061 (b) (3), 15313, and 15325.
3. APPROVES the FY 2007/08 preliminary budget.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 26, 2007.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on September 26, 2007.


Charles W. Bookhamner, Acting Chair

ATTEST:


Terry Fujimoto,
Deputy Attorney General

